

30 June 2020

Dear [REDACTED]

Request for information

Thank you for your email dated 2 June 2020 requesting information on applications under the Terrorism Suppression (Control Orders) Act 2019. You requested:

1. How many interim control orders has the Commissioner applied for under the Act? How many of the applications were successful?
2. How many final control orders has the Commissioner applied for under the Act? How many of the applications were successful?
3. How many applications for variance of a control order has the Commissioner applied for under the Act? How many of the applications were successful?
4. How many applications for discharge of a control order has the Commissioner applied for under the Act? How many of the applications were successful?
5. How many people have been charged for the offence of breaching a control order?

Your request has been considered in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982 and I enclose the following information:

- The answers to all of the above questions is nil.

That there have been no applications for control orders in the six months since the provision became law is not unexpected. Control orders were established to assist the management of exceptional cases. When these provisions became law, Ministers stated that the purpose was to deal with the risks posed by a small number of New Zealanders who have engaged in terrorism-related activities while overseas. The immediate concern were individuals believed to have been involved with ISIL in Syria and the possibility that one or more of these individuals may return to New Zealand and, depending on the circumstances, not be able to be managed by other means.

Given the purpose of Control Orders and the requirements that need to be met for an order to be granted, Police expect that the number of Orders will be low, and possibly zero, for the foreseeable future. We also expect that if and when any such control order is applied for, the fact of that application

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to the High Court will become a matter of public record, even if suppression orders are made regarding details of the case.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a small circle followed by a horizontal line and a small flourish.

Detective Superintendent Gregory Nicholls
New Zealand Police

A large, hand-drawn oval in black ink, positioned to the left of the signature and name.